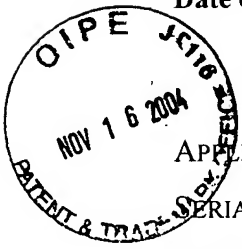


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This Response and Amendment is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 10, 2004 in the above-identified application. This Response and Amendment is also submitted in further response to the Office Action (Paper No. 8) mailed July 16, 2003 in the above-identified patent application. With no extensions, these papers are due on or before December 10, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 26069-505 REI.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

A Listing of the Pending Claims begins on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 18 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.